

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Fine Arts Center, Spencer Gallery
January 21, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger George
Betty Gragg
George Harris, Vice Chairman
Michael Jones
Mellie Jo Owen, Secretary
Gregg Reep, Chairman
Lynn Rodgers
Linda Rowe

Executive Council Members Present:

Karla Hughes, Chancellor
Jay Hughes, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Jay Jones, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration
Linda Rushing, Vice Chancellor for College of Technology – Crossett
Lisa Shemwell, Chief of Staff
Bob Ware, Vice Chancellor for College of Technology – McGehee
Jimmie Yeiser, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Linda Yeiser, Vice Chancellor for Advancement and University Relations

Mr. Gregg Reep called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

The Board approved the minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting.

Vice Chancellor Reports:

Mr. Jay Jones

- Retirement Plan
 - A new policy approved at the November 2015 Board of Trustees meeting will require all employees to invest at least 1% of their own funds to receive the full 5% match provided by the University.
 - This requirement will increase 1% each year until it reaches the maximum of 5% in 2020.
 - The goal in this action is to help employees be in a better position when they retire.

Dr. Jimmie Yeiser

- Spring 2016 Enrollment
 - Unofficial enrollment for all three campuses is 3,418.
 - Unofficial student semester credit hours is 33,049.
 - Concurrent enrollment had a 17% increase from last spring.

Mr. Jay Hughes

- Residence Life Update
 - Occupancy for the Spring 2016 semester is 583 students.
 - Academic performance showed a positive shift in the fall semester.

- A new housing management software has been purchased.
- Future projects may include a keyless entry for Bankston Hall and plans for renovation of Horsfall Hall.

Ms. Linda Rushing

- Crossett Campus Update
 - Personnel was discussed and the need to have quality instructors.
 - Information was provided regarding the unfortunate loss of a faculty member in December.
 - An update was given on the progress of the Workforce Alliance of Southeast Arkansas Planning Grant.

Mr. Bob Ware

- McGehee Campus Update
 - Success of the welding and nursing programs was discussed.
 - Concerns were discussed regarding the roof on the main building.
 - 40th Anniversary Celebration - goal was to raise \$40,000 for scholarships, \$60,000 has been given, as well as other gifts with the intent to purchase a digital sign for the entrance.

Mrs. Linda Yeiser

- Alumni/Advancement Update
 - Four new endowments have been established:
 - Lloyd and Peggy Crossley Family Education Scholarship
 - Gary R. and Shareen Gibbs Scholarship
 - Steven Charles Moss Scholarship for the Physical Sciences
 - Curtis W. Kyle, Jr. Veteran's Scholarship
 - Carl Preston – will be a future endowment
 - A phonathon was held in November with pledges totaling \$48,405.
 - Over 17,000 alumni association membership postcards were mailed.
 - Upcoming events:
 - UAM Alumni & Friends Day at the Races – February 20, 2016
 - UAM Alumni & Friends “NBA Night Out” – March 11, 2016
 - UAM Family Night at the Arkansas Travelers – June 2, 2016
 - UAM Homecoming – October 22, 2016

Chancellor's Remarks:

Dr. Hughes stated she has felt very welcomed and looks forward to working with all Board members. She mentioned that she has started meeting with faculty, staff, and community leaders. She asked Board members to help her and this institution as we move forward with our student success agenda. Dr. Hughes offered a special thank you to the Board for their service, as well as Jay Jones and Christy Pace for their help during the transition. She also recognized her husband, Colonel L. R. Hughes.

Chairman Reep asked Board members to review the by-laws.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.